

# Project Startup Report

Presented to the IT Committee November 16, 2007

**Project Name:** Children with Disabilities

**Agency:** Department of Human Services

**Business Unit/Program Area:** Medicaid Eligibility

**Project Sponsor:** Maggie Anderson

**Project Manager:** Mark Kennedy

## Project Description

Senate Bill 2326 was passed by the 2007 Legislature and signed into law to provide Optional Medical Assistance for families of children with disabilities. Medicaid has a similar program in place for the disabled adults and this project may be able to use some of the code and knowledge from that project.

## Business Need or Problem

- The Department of Human Services is required to provide new Medicaid coverage to families which meet the qualifications. This new coverage must be available starting in March 2008. We must have the program in place by February to meet this March coverage deadline.
- Providers need a way to verify this new coverage
- DHS project requirements - Program changes must be tested and implemented on time and at or under budget.

## Key Metrics

Project Start Date	Estimated Length of Project	Estimated Cost
08-01-2007	Completed by 02/01/2008	\$306,826

## Benefits to Be Achieved

Project Objectives	Measurement Description
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Objective 1: Needs TECS/Vision changes for new eligibility determination.</li></ul>	Success for objective 1 is the ability to process new applicants for Medicaid coverage and generate Medical Assistance payments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Objective 2: Must interface with TECS/Vision determination data</li></ul>	Measurement 2: Success for objective 2 will be establishment of data share process for client demographics, disability information, family income and assets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Objective 3: Fully tested and implemented by February 1, 2008</li></ul>	Project needs to be in production by Feb 1, 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Objective 4: Verify/IVR and Medifax systems will be updated with new coverage information</li></ul>	Success for this business need will be the updated response to provider inquiries.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Objective 5: Costs will be on or under a budget of \$306,826.</li></ul>	IT costs are tracked and will be reported.

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### **Cost/Benefit Analysis**

- Senate Bill 2326 was passed into law, so completing this project will make us in compliance to State Law.
- We will measure and track how many families with disabled children are enrolled in the Children with Disabilities Project.
- We will be able to measure the success of the project by reporting the number of children enrolled who may not otherwise have medical coverage.
- Negative implications of not implementing these changes are children with little or no coverage receiving less benefit or causing high financial stress within the family unit due to the cost of disability services.

### **Key Constraints or Risks**

There are a number of constraints for this project.

- This project must be completed, tested and implemented by February 1st, 2008. This is a large project, so we need to make sure to plan accordingly.
- The ITD resources are limited in the toolset skills required to program the VISION system
- System Support and development has lost a key person and has hired a number of new individuals. This along with their other tasks will make it a challenge to devote the necessary time/resources to the project.
- Medicaid Policy has had some turnover and is also involved with the MMIS project. They have hired a part-time person for this project.
- ITD Project Management services does not have a project manager available at this time. Someone will be assigned if available. Kevin Hertz will fill the project manager role until that time.